

# Day 1 - The Great War

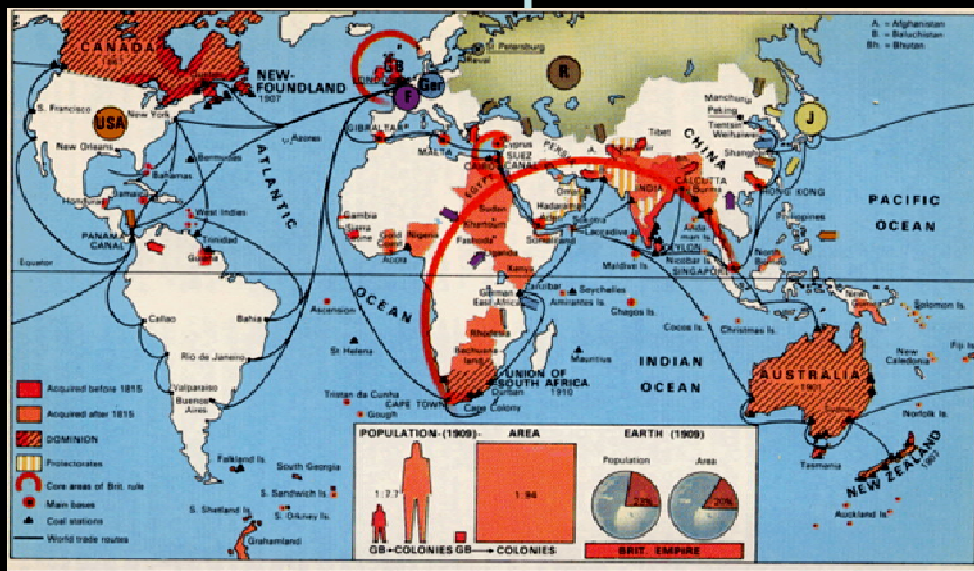
Entrance task: Think: How did Europeans feel about the prospect of war in pre-1914 Europe? Why?

Today: Pre-war attitudes and conditions leading up to the Great War

Homework: Finish Ch. 27-1

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## The British Empire in 1914



**Colonial  
Rivalries:**

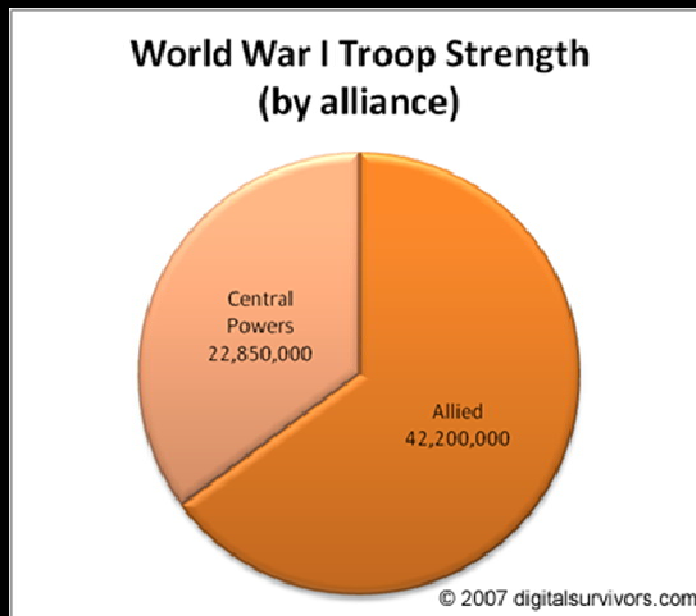
**Africa  
in  
1914**

## Colonial Rivalries: Asia in 1914



### The European Army Buildup, 1879-1913

Country	1879 Standing army in peacetime	Fully mobilized army for war	1913 Standing army in peacetime	Fully mobilized army for war
Austria-Hungary	267,000	772,000	800,000	3,000,000
Britain	136,000	600,000	160,000	700,000
India	200,000		249,000	
France	503,000	1,000,000	1,200,000	3,500,000
Germany	419,000	1,300,000	2,200,000	3,800,000
Russia	766,000	1,213,000	1,400,000	4,400,000



## Alliances, Tensions & Conflicts: 1873-1914

- Three Emperors' League (1873) → Ger, A-H, Russia
- Dual Alliance (1879) → Ger. & A-H
- Triple Alliance (1882) → Ger, A-H, It.
- Reinsurance Treaty (1887) → restore relations between Ger. & Russia.
- Franco-Russian Alliance (1894)
- British-Japanese Alliance (1902)
- The Entente Cordiale (1904) → Br. & Fr.

## Alliances, Tensions & Conflicts: 1873-1914

- First Moroccan Crisis (1905)
- Russo-Japanese War (1905)
- The Anglo-Russian Convention (1907) → Persia
- Triple Entente (1907) → Br, Fr, Rus
- The Bosnian Crisis of 1908
- Second Moroccan Crisis (1911)
- The First Balkan War (1912)
- The Second Balkan War (1913)

## Europe in 1914

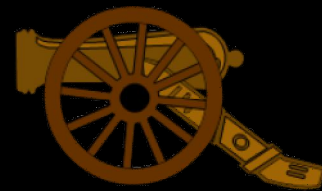


# Pre-war Perceptions

## *"Let's rumble!"*

In groups, read the pre-war perceptions of France, Germany or Austria.

1. What was the view of the country?
2. Why do you think they felt this way?



### The Spark: The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand & his wife Sophie





## Timeline to War

- June 28, 1914 – Ferdinand is assassinated
- July 23 – A-H issue an ultimatum to Serbia
  - with a blank check from Germany
- July 28 – A-H declares war on Serbia
- July 29 – Nicholas II begins mobilization
  - against A-H and Germany
- Aug. 3 – Germany invades Belgium in the
  - von Schlieffen Plan
- Aug. 5 – Britain and France declare war on
  - Germany



## The Schlieffen Plan

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### Homework: Ch. 27-2